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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A strike plate assembly for a dead bolt, said assembly comprising:

an elongated reinforcement plate having a longitudinal axis and a plurality of opposed edge portions equally spaced from the longitudinal axis and extending substantially parallel thereto and along a length of said plate, said reinforcement plate having a plurality of holes disposed at opposed end portions thereof and for receiving a plurality of fastening members therethrough so that said reinforcement plate can be secured to a first face of a wall stud;

a door jamb including a central portion and a plurality of oppositely spaced lip portions integral therewith, one said plurality of lip portions being disposed adjacent an interior of a dwelling and extending orthogonally from said central portion for covering a portion of said reinforcement plate to thereby prevent unauthorized access thereto, another said plurality of lip portions extending orthogonal to said central portion and away from the wall stud, said another lip portion providing a surface for engaging a door when moved to a closed position;

a receiving plate spaced from said reinforcement plate and having a substantially cylindrical aperture formed therein and for receiving a dead bolt therethrough, said receiving plate having a plurality of holes formed about said cylindrical aperture and for receiving a plurality of fastening members therethrough for securing said receiving plate to a door jamb notch; and

a barrel portion having a substantially cylindrical hollow interior and being integral with said receiving plate and extending substantially perpendicularly and rearwardly therefrom so that same can be inserted into an opening of a door jamb and into an opening formed on a second face of a wall stud, said barrel portion receiving a dead

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bolt therein and assisting to maintain same in a stable position during operating conditions.

2. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said receiving plate includes front and rear surfaces, said rear surface being engageable with a door jamb notch and integral with said barrel portion.

3. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said receiving plate includes opposed end portions, said cylindrical aperture and said barrel portion are disposed substantially medially between said opposed end portions.

4. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said barrel portion is spaced from said reinforcement plate and has a longitudinal axis extending substantially perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis of said reinforcement plate.

5. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said barrel portion and said receiving plate are formed from steel.

6. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said reinforcement plate is formed from steel.

7. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said barrel portion includes a rear end portion having an opening therein and for receiving a fastening member therethrough to thereby secure said barrel portion to a wall stud.

8. (currently amended) A strike plate assembly for a dead bolt, said assembly comprising:

an elongated reinforcement plate having a longitudinal axis and a plurality of opposed edge portions equally spaced from the longitudinal axis and extending substantially parallel thereto and along a length of said plate, said reinforcement plate

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having a plurality of holes disposed at opposed end portions thereof and for receiving a plurality of fastening members therethrough so that said reinforcement plate can be secured to a first face of a wall stud;

a door jamb including a central portion and a plurality of oppositely spaced lip portions integral therewith, one said plurality of lip portions being disposed adjacent an interior of a dwelling and extending orthogonally from said central portion for covering a portion of said reinforcement plate to thereby prevent unauthorized access thereto, another said plurality of lip portions extending orthogonal to said central portion and away from the wall stud, said another lip portion providing a surface for engaging a door when moved to a closed position;

a receiving plate spaced from said reinforcement plate and having a substantially cylindrical aperture formed therein and for receiving a dead bolt therethrough, said receiving plate having a plurality of holes formed about said cylindrical aperture and for receiving a plurality of fastening members therethrough for securing said receiving plate to a door jamb notch, said receiving plate includes front and rear surfaces, said rear surface being engageable with a door jamb notch and integral with said barrel portion.; and

a barrel portion having a substantially cylindrical hollow interior and being integral with said receiving plate and extending substantially perpendicularly and rearwardly therefrom so that same can be inserted into an opening of a door jamb and into an opening formed on a second face of a wall stud, said barrel portion receiving a dead bolt therein and assisting to maintain same in a stable position during operating conditions.

9. (original) The assembly of claim 8, wherein said receiving plate includes opposed end portions, said cylindrical aperture and said barrel portion are disposed substantially medially between said opposed end portions.

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10. (original) The assembly of claim 8, wherein said barrel portion is spaced from said reinforcement plate and has a longitudinal axis extending substantially perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis of said reinforcement plate.

11. (original) The assembly of claim 8, wherein said barrel portion and said receiving plate are formed from steel.

12. (original) The assembly of claim 8, wherein said reinforcement plate is formed from steel.

13. (original) The assembly of claim 8, wherein said barrel portion includes a rear end portion having an opening therein and for receiving a fastening member therethrough to thereby secure said barrel portion to a wall stud.

14. (currently amended) A strike plate assembly for a dead bolt, said assembly comprising:

an elongated reinforcement plate having a longitudinal axis and a plurality of opposed edge portions equally spaced from the longitudinal axis and extending substantially parallel thereto and along a length of said plate, said reinforcement plate having a plurality of holes disposed at opposed end portions thereof and for receiving a plurality of fastening members therethrough so that said reinforcement plate can be secured to a first face of a wall stud;

a door jamb including a central portion and a plurality of oppositely spaced lip portions integral therewith, one said plurality of lip portions being disposed adjacent an interior of a dwelling and extending orthogonally from said central portion for covering a portion of said reinforcement plate to thereby prevent unauthorized access thereto, another said plurality of lip portions extending orthogonal to said central portion and away from the wall stud, said another lip portion providing a surface for engaging a door when moved to a closed position;

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a receiving plate spaced from said reinforcement plate and having a substantially cylindrical aperture formed therein and for receiving a dead bolt therethrough, said receiving plate having a plurality of holes formed about said cylindrical aperture and for receiving a plurality of fastening members therethrough for securing said receiving plate to a door jamb notch, said receiving plate includes front and rear surfaces, said rear surface being engageable with a door jamb notch and integral with said barrel portion.; and

a barrel portion having a substantially cylindrical hollow interior and being integral with said receiving plate and extending substantially perpendicularly and rearwardly therefrom so that same can be inserted into an opening of a door jamb and into an opening formed on a second face of a wall stud, said barrel portion receiving a dead bolt therein and assisting to maintain same in a stable position during operating conditions, said barrel portion is spaced from said reinforcement plate and has a longitudinal axis extending substantially perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis of said reinforcement plate.

15. (original) The assembly of claim 14, wherein said receiving plate includes opposed end portions, said cylindrical aperture and said barrel portion are disposed substantially medially between said opposed end portions.

16. (original) The assembly of claim 14, wherein said barrel portion and said receiving plate are formed from steel.

17. (original) The assembly of claim 14, wherein said reinforcement plate is formed from steel.

18. (original) The assembly of claim 14, wherein said barrel portion includes a rear end portion having an opening therein and for receiving a fastening member therethrough to thereby secure said barrel portion to a wall stud.